

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO MARY ANN BENTON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 10, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Mary Ann Benton in recognition for her dedication to her community and her commitment to improving the lives of our senior citizens.

Mary Ann is a native New Yorker. She was born in Queens, New York and raised by her maternal grandparents, the late Enrico and Victoria Guigliano. After graduating from John Adams High School in Queens, she attended St. John's College majoring in Accounting, and later transferred to St. Joseph's College where she studied Human Resources Management.

Traveling from Queens to Manhattan to work for more than eight years led Mary Ann to find employment closer to home and a job that she truly loves. In early 1980, Mary Ann joined the Wartburg Lutheran Home for the Aging as a receptionist. At Wartburg, Mary Ann approaches her work with compassion and enthusiasm. In 1982, she was transferred to the Fiscal Department as a Bookkeeper and later that year was promoted to Fiscal Coordinator. Continuing to grow within the Wartburg ministry, in 1987, she became the Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer. Next, she became the Human Resources Assistant, and in 1993, Mary Ann was promoted to the Director of Human Resources where she continues to excel.

Mary Ann is active with the Society for Human Resources Management, the Council for Human Resources Management, and the Association for Healthcare Human Resources Administrators. Her colleagues and peers in her profession recognize her hard work and dedication.

She believes that working with the elderly is a calling from God. She feels blessed to be working in a field and in an organization where she can serve the elderly, support her colleagues, and promote hospitality to the community. She stands as an example of Wartburg's mission and ministry of healing, hospitality, and community through partnership in caring.

Mary Ann enjoys reading, bowling, dancing, and meeting new people. She also continues to worship at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church where she volunteers her time and talents.

Mr. Speaker, Mary Ann Benton has devoted her life to serving her community. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OZARKS' FIRST TELEVISION STATION, KOLR, CHANNEL 10

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the first television station to serve Southwest Missouri. When Channel 10 signed on the air on March 14, 1953, it was KTTS-TV. In the early 1970s, the station adopted the name KOLR, and today it is known by viewers as "COLOR Ten."

Owner Harry Cooper, Sr. located the studios of KTTS-TV at the corner of Jefferson and Walnut Streets in Springfield, Missouri, in a large white house that was also home to the radio station that he owned. It was soon apparent that the TV station needed more room, so in 1959 the TV station moved into expanded facilities on its transmitter site in east Springfield. The growing CBS affiliate has served the Ozarks from 2650 East Division Street ever since. Years later, a new 2,000 foot tower and transmitter facility were built in Fordland, Missouri.

KOLR was the first television station in the Ozarks to broadcast "in living color" and was first in the Ozarks to add stereo broadcasting in 1986. In 1999, KOLR 10 began sharing services with FOX affiliate Channel 27. In its record of pioneering breakthroughs, KOLR 10 introduced the area's first full time "Weather Lab" in 2000 with the region's first Live Doppler Radar staffed by a team of three meteorologists.

In the golden age of television, KOLR was the venue for another generation to see Elvis and the Beatles on the "Ed Sullivan Show," the weekly comedy of Red Skelton, Jackie Gleason and Jack Benny, and the dramas of "Gunsmoke" and "Perry Mason."

Channel 10 has been number one in primetime for many years and is currently home to such Ozarks favorites as "Survivor," "60-Minutes" and "C.S.I." and many other programs. The CBS Television Network has recognized KOLR 10 as one of the highest rated CBS-affiliated TV stations in the nation.

KOLR has also been a source of information and news on the region and the world. KOLR has brought Ed Murrow, Walter Cronkite and Dan Rather into the homes and businesses of the 33 Missouri and Arkansas counties it serves.

Because of KOLR's commitment to local news, it has been the recipient of a number of awards for reporting and public service excellence. KOLR has given its viewers a window into the growth and development of the Ozarks demonstrating that the region is a good place to work, raise a family and enjoy countless leisure opportunities.

The television viewers in Southwest Missouri and I express our gratitude to KOLR 10 for its 50 years of service and dedication to the Ozarks.

IN SUPPORT OF "STOP VIOLENCE WEEK"

HON. ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN

OF MARYLAND

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Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of "Stop Violence Week." Domestic violence is a serious issue that plagues American families and continues to affect our society as a whole. According to statistics nearly one-third of American women, 31 percent, at some point in their lives, are physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend. The National Institute of Justice estimates that, annually in the United States, nearly half-a-million women are stalked by an intimate partner. In my own state of Maryland a total of 20,688 domestic violence crimes were reported by law enforcement agencies during the 2001 calendar year. Often times domestic violence and battery lead to more serious incidents. In one particularly infamous case in Maryland, a husband shot and killed both of his young children after his wife had filed for an order of protection against him.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge my colleagues throughout this week to use this opportunity to highlight the deplorable problem of domestic violence by speaking out, attending events, and wearing the symbolic tie or scarf to show your solidarity.

Last year, Congress did the right thing by nearly fully funding the Violence Against Women Act programs better known as VAWA, but there is still much work to be done. VAWA programs are vital in assisting millions of women who suffer from spousal or partner abuse. We must not ignore this pressing problem. I commend the national and local organizations that continue to be advocates for victims of domestic abuse, and encourage them to keep up the good work.

A TRIBUTE TO LYNN HENDERSON-HORNES

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Lynn Henderson-Hornes in recognition for her tireless energy and passionate commitment to her community.

Lynn has been improving the lives of Fort Greene families for nearly twenty years. As Program Director for Project Teen Aid Family Services, she has helped hundreds of pregnant teens and teen parents raise healthy children and continue their own education. Her deep religious beliefs, passed on to her from her grandparents and parents, permeate every aspect of her life, and have helped provide the energy and commitment needed for this challenging task.

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